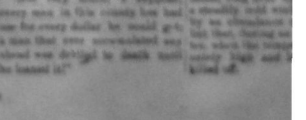

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The Pocahontas Times.

Marlinton, Friday, Feb. 4, 1898.

Entered in the post-office at Marlinton, W. Va., as second class matter.

The longing for ignoble things.
The strife for triumph more than truth.
The hardening of the heart, that brings
Irreversibility for the dreams of youth.
All thoughts of ill, all evil deeds,
That have their roots in thoughts of ill.
Whatever linkers or impulses.
The action of the noble will.
All these must first be trampled down.
Beneath our feet, if we would gain
In the bright fields of life remove
The right of ennobled domain.
The ladder of St. Augustine.

O. A. Petty has been appointed postmaster at Claydon.

A FUGITIVE WENT ON FROM HUNTSVILLE that the Greenbrier Railroad is a thing of the past. We would remind him that the dark, not hour is often just before dawn.

GENERAL ARTERSON is compiling the names of all Union soldiers and sailors who were citizens of West Virginia. He has \$10,000 names to go over. They will be placed alphabetically with date of enlistment, promotion, death or discharge, and other matter which may be specially mentioned.

SEVERAL PERSONS WERE trying to locate the direction of Cuba the other day. They all agreed it was an island in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of us, except one who claimed it was directly north. Upon examination it was found that the meridian, passing through Pocahontas County would cut Cuba in two, making the island directly south of us.

A TRAGEDY OCCURRED at Montgomery last Friday. George P. Tucker came home unexpectedly and found William McAllister with his wife under compromising circumstances, and shot and killed them both. He gave himself up to the authorities. The woman was about 40 years old and has three grown children. McAllister was about 21 years of age.

THE MARION COUNTY school case has been submitted to the Supreme Court. The case was started by John Kennedy to prevent the school teacher from reading the Bible in opening school, on the grounds that it was against the constitution of the State to give religious instruction. It is to be hoped that the four men who compose our Supreme Court will declare for the sake of appearances that the Bible is higher law even than the constitution of the State and unlike it does not need to be amended.

OUR PROGRESSIVE Superintendent of Free Schools, Professor D. L. Barlow, has adopted the plan of the other superintendents of West Virginia counties and made arrangements to start a normal school at Pine Grove, near Edray. (See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.) The rule is that every county should have one of these normal schools, with the exception of those counties where the State has established a State Normal School. The neighborhood of Pine Grove is one of the most suitable in the county, a large number of interesting young people have their homes there; the people are noted for the comfort in which they live, and broad and looking can be secured for six dollars per month. We wish to refer once more to the advantages of an education, the lack of which our dear old feet still it is too late to remedy it. If young people could only realize how severely they will regret the failure to educate themselves during the time between childhood and when they have to "look up" as they would work at their books in order that they might have the comfort and advice they life of an educated mind. The youth boy or girl must position their guidance for an education. We have never known it to fail where the child is taught upon going to school but that he went, and in a few years the money invested in the schooling brought a hundred fold. Some parents and teachers, children in expensive schools, and the result is nothing. But when the teacher is schooling children in the school the parent can afford to let the child be educated in the school, and the money will be well invested.

CONGRESSMAN DOR'S SPEECH.

We have received a copy of the speech delivered by Congressman Dor, January 10, on the maintenance of the present civil service law, and have read it with great interest. It is a very able argument against the continuance of the law and advocates its repeal. It is a good, wholesome speech, in which the speaker is opposing the policy of his party. He says he is opposed to the civil service law because it is an innovation upon the system established by our forefathers, the wisdom of which has been demonstrated by experience, and a step in the direction of reestablishing the form of government that was repudiated by the American people in 1776. Mark that word repudiated!

The speaker refers to two noted Democrats in the election of his subordinates, "Jefferson and Jackson."

Mr. Dor called attention to the fact that in that city there was what was known as "The National Correspondence Institute," conducted by Mr. J. W. McKinley. It claims to patronage is based upon the theory that it has peculiar facilities for preparing applicants for a civil service examination. The proprietor has already tested a handsome fortune. All his money has been extracted from a credulous and hopeful people, and the blame does not attach to him so much to the law that enables him to thrive.

During last year 50,244 applicants were examined; 24,163 passed successfully; 3,308 were given places. Over a million dollars were spent by these applicants in expenses alone to pass the examinations, and all waited for months in uncertainty.

He sees behind this vast establishment of officers to life-tenure a civil pension list. Deliver us from more pensions. The framers of the Constitution thought that life-tenure should only be extended to the Federal judiciary.

"I have no patience with that class of people who are constantly sneering at the 'office seekers' when they themselves have been seeking office all of their lives. I am an office seeker, I do not deny it. So are you all, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the House." Just at this point Speaker Reed looked at the somebody had let the cat out of the bag.

Mr. Dor closed with the following oratorical passages:

"The voice of the people cries out for reform. The voice of the people is the voice of God, and we are unto the political fortunes of him who does not heed it."

We omitted to mention that attention was called to the effect the present law has upon the locality of the law-sucker under the present "merit system." By fair proportion the District of Columbia would be entitled to 39 positions in the Departments at Washington. Under this law it has received 236.

POTOMAC COUNTY had a school-house case recently. In Grant district the Board of Education desired a new school in a subdistrict and the patrons of the school appealed to the county superintendent. He decided against the discontinuing of the school, and the Board of Education refusing to acknowledge his authority, a mandamus was issued by the Circuit Court, and the school reestablished.

GENERAL TENNER ARMY fell in 1862 in a skirmish near Danville, Virginia. Had he lived a few years longer no name would be greater than his in the annals of the war. To mark the place where he fell the Turner Ashby Camp has been decided to raise \$500 and buy an acre on the spot and erect a monument. Contributions are solicited and should be sent to Turner Ashby Camp, Harrisonburg, Va.

It is the belief of a good many that the Teller resolution defines the attitude of the two parties this year. On the Republican side the policy is to further divide and make subordinate the vast amount of silver money in this country. The Democrats say that the bonds can be paid under law in other money, and that they could so be paid kept the Cleveland name of bonds down \$2,000,000. For the Administration now to give the bond holders the option is to work a fraud in favor of those who own bonds and who will neither be to reduce profit on their investment.

KNAPTS CREEK.

Fine weather for February. It will soon be time for sugar making. Price Moore went to see how Jim was getting along. A. M. Oliver caught a fawn last week. Miss Myrtle Harold's school closed last Friday. C. B. Swecker, attorney at law, blew up Saturday. W. A. Hunsard is going to build a railroad engine in the spring. Summers Sharp has the fluenn-tam at this writing.

W. A. A. W. R. C. says, "Wee we A. A. Moore is going to build a store-house, we suppose. He is getting the lumber."

Price Moore killed six rats in sixty shots with a shot gun, last Monday.

W. A. Board has got a new turning lathe and is turning out hay poles for the next hay harvest.

I. H. Moore and the new commissioner attended the sale at Green Bank last Saturday.

A. M. Oliver got left and M. F. Harold lost his shawl and the good work goes on.

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A young man, on the Creek received a letter two weeks ago. The name of the sender has not been learned.

W. A. P. H. M. S.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

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COVER HILL.

James F. Hively's school is progressing nicely.

Murrah for Cronin Dille's grayhound and hickory nut shells!

A little warmer. The sun shines brightly and the ground has gone to bed.

Billy is still working on his house. We hope he will get it done before the railroad comes.

Lightner Kellison of Mt. Grove who was here last week has returned home, accompanied by Nurool, the great fox hunter.

The people of this part are enjoying good health, but we would like to have a good doctor, for fear some of us might get sick.

Miss Bettie Sharp has returned from Brown's Mountain. She says she likes it very well down there.

T. M. Gunn's old rooster is dead. That is all.

The Cove Hill correspondent has omitted to report a serious accident in his neighborhood. Last Friday night, at eight o'clock, the lamp went out and left a family in total darkness. — E. J.

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The Peachan Times.

Blair, Land & Oakes, and brother, from
From Washington, D. C. to the
If there is a hole in it, your money
is in the hole.
A sheet of paper is a hole in the
An Ash is a hole in a tree.

Local Events.

It is a mistake about the Green-
wood Railroad being let to con-
tract. The project is a sham. The
writing was, and is, a mistake.

The Green Hill school will close
Friday, February 15, with ap-
propriate exercises, the evening of
that day beginning.

Col. ROBERT W. EASTMAN, who
was paralyzed in the Tucker coun-
ty jail, has rallied and will prob-
ably recover from the attack.

CLIFFORD VINT will hold a pri-
vate election at the suggestion of
Congressman Vint as to who shall
be postmaster. All Republican
voters are allowed to cast a ballot.

A MARLBOROUGH man was a bet
of \$100 one cent that the Green-
wood Railroad would make full use
of "around hog day" as an in-
teresting item of news.

Hon. J. MARSH PIERCE entered
upon his duties as Mayor of Rich-
mond, Tuesday. There was a plenary
banquet of the committee between the
incoming and incoming councils upon
the occasion.

By Charleston, J. W. Gooden,
ex-county clerk, is being tried for
grand larceny, one of the four in-
fringements found against him. The
indictment charges him with hav-
ing stolen a bunch of colored road-
runners.

B. N. RAYMOND and W. W. Ty-
ner, the two blacksmiths of the
county, have formed a partnership
and will operate the shop and gen-
eral store at the west end of the
bridge, under the name of the
Tyner & Co. Mr. Rayner has
moved into the Golden building.

In Webster county, a few years
old son of William C. Mace got
possession of a dynamite cap, and
killed it with powder, set on fire
the house and set a live coal on it.
The cap exploded, badly mangle
the right hand of the boy, and
youth, and necessitating the ampu-
tation of the thumb and two fin-
gers.

The death of Wm. Ripley is re-
ported from Greenbrier County.
He died 24 bottles of a fever, and
died in great agony. His pur-
pose was to procure a stimulant
and it was used and he died of
whisky. It is not uncommon for
inhabitants to drink potent medi-
cines and such substitutes when
the means for drinking are lacking.

A KIDNO was lynched last week
at Bramwell, McDowell county for
killing a watchman on the Norfolk
& Western Railroad. The murder
was unpunished, and, while mar-
ders are not uncommon in that sec-
tion, this so aroused the indigna-
tion of the people that they turned
out and strung him up. The in-
cidents have been very free of cy-
clings in late years.

The skating was very fine last
week and large parties of young
people, some forty or fifty, were
on the ice in the moonlight evenings.
The following conversation was
heard between two young men in
the town: "Why didn't you come
down, yesterday, as promised?"
"Oh, too much skating." "I could
not have walked that far to see
my life." "Oh, but I know you didn't
fall down any other than I did!"

The Marlinton Literary Society
will have a meeting on the 20th
of this month. The program for
this week selections will be given
from Poe's writings and the
question debated. Resolved, that
the introduction of labor saving
machinery has a tendency to dis-
place labor. To affirm, J. D. Ful-
mer and J. H. Bland, for the
Scott, Jr. and Norman Price. As
was announced, Byron was dis-
cussed last Friday, and there can
be no doubt that much valuable
knowledge of this interesting man
was imparted by the society.

REY R. M. CALDWELL, notice of
whose departure for Kentucky was
made a few weeks since, will re-
turn on January 20 that to arrive
at his old Kentucky home. He
came with hopes of ultimate suc-
cess and of happily resuming the
work he has so well and prepared
himself for at so much trouble and
penal organization. The winter
up to the time of his leaving had
been unusually cold. Mr. Cal-
dwell seems to have been in the
beautiful house of prosperity and
all kinds of fine products are
bringing remunerative prices.

The building of the Greenbrier
Railroad, beyond the fact that it
will be built, is a matter of
great deal of uncertainty to the
excursion observers in Pocahontas
County. The engineers have laid
out the road and run a line of
the Greenbrier River from the C. & O.
R. R. and these reports have been
authenticated by the fact that there
have been some dead birds on the
line before the road was built.

The improvement in
the fact perfect satisfaction will
be given to the people of the
county and it will be known
that the road will be built in
the near future.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. A. Bratton arrived here Mon-
day.

H. S. Rucker went to Greenbrier
last week to attend to a law suit.

J. H. Russell was in Marlinton
last Saturday.

Rev. W. A. Sharp will preach at
Marlinton next Sunday, at 2 o'clock
p. m.

A. D. Williams expects to at-
tend the Normal at Athens for the
Spring term.

Miss Delcy Vargis has returned
from her visit in Highland County.

G. W. Wade, late of Oklahoma,
is now at his old home on An-
thony's Creek.

Capt Smith was in Removet
last week and mentioned among the
distinguished visitors.

S. B. Scott, Jr., took a plunge
into Greenbrier River last Sun-
day, on his way to church at Sat-
urday.

Mr. John S. Gray, of Deerfield,
Angusta County, died last week
aged 65 years. He was a promi-
nent citizen of that neighborhood
and was uncle of W. A. Bratton, of
this place.

Paris D. Yeager, who is now in
the express office at Cheyenne,
Wyo., went on Indian tobacco busi-
ness to Idaho, and returned with a
lot of "Cow Holes," a Shoshoni
word for the Reservation, north of
Cheyenne. Every pipe smoker
who has seen it, covets it to carry
his tobacco in. It is made of fring
very elaborate and of many colors.
He writes that Klondikers are giv-
ing it to the Indians.

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A Wild Cat Hunt.

The Courtney boys and Bob
Greiger have had a big hunt in
Marlinton's domain and they re-
cent cold weather. Bob Greiger
brought his hounds with him and
came down on a visit. The result
of the hunt consisted of two short
coats, two gray foxes, one red fox
and a polecat.

When Mr. W. M. McLaughlin
lived near these woods his hounds
had very nearly driven all
game out of Marlinton
but, but lately he has been
saying that wild cats and foxes are
plentiful there.

The wild cats were chased on
two consecutive days. They city
climbed the laurel thickets, and one
of them ran within a few feet of
the senior Courtney. He had no
time to shoot and was forced to
his stick to make it pose at a safe
distance. In both cases the wild
cats were tired and shot by Wilson
Courtney with a shotgun.

The proper name for the wild
cat of this region is the bay lynx
(*L. rufus*). It is noted for its
creak and night, and from it the
expression "lynx-eyed" is derived.
When chased by dogs, if it hears
an alarm of its kind, it will make a
series of short and finally take refuge in a
tree. If it sees the hunter ap-
proach it will jump down and run
away. It is said some last week the
animals were shot as they were
running down the body of the tree
to escape. The wild cat is very
destructive to game and crops, and
getting rid of two of the most
noxious enemies will help a good
deal.

One of the Indians who
settled in Marlinton last Thursday in Mar-
linton. It was about the size of an
ordinary dog, had long legs,
and was very tame. It was
black and white, and its
claws were long and dangerous.
It had some of the same color
part of the domestic cat, only
more so.

The gray fox killed by the
party were caught by the hounds
after several hours' search, but
red fox was not seen. The
Courtney boys are very anxious
to see the hounds on sight again
before it was caught and killed.

Expert Opinion.

All things are cleared, the writer
thinks that he has been justified in
saying that the hounds have been
in the country and looking after
the game in the future. It is
not just any old dog.

HUNTERVILLE.

Quite a number of drummers
visited our town last week.

Mrs. J. W. Lourey has been very
ill for some days and is no better
at this writing.

A protracted meeting has been
going on for the past week on Be-
aver Creek, conducted by Rev. F. V.
Underwood and H. H. H.

Sam Stewart, son, who was
thrown from a horse some days
ago and badly injured, is now able
to be around.

Our blacksmith, George W. Gin-
ger, is working at Peter's camp
and will remain there for a short
time.

Our merchants received quite a
lot of new goods last week. Judg-
ing from the amount of goods they
sell, times can not be as hard and
money as scarce as people suppose.

Your writer is reliably informed
that at a meeting held in New
York a few days, the Greenbrier
Railroad Company was failed and
the New York and Washington, and
New York and Ohio has decided not
to build any new rail road. This in-
formation came from parties in
New York and Washington, who
were interested in the building of
the Greenbrier railroad. This
communication was received on Sat-
urday by one of our citizens and
the writer read the above re-
port. So we guess the grand old
road of Pocahontas will have to
remain in oblivion a few years longer.

With best wishes, I remain,
Yours truly, ALFRED.

A Cutting Affair.

From the Independent-Herald we
learn that Engineer Jim Eubanks,
a brother of Dick Eubanks,
of this county, and Thomas Chil-
ten got cut by Hugh McFadden,
a restaurant in that city. Mc-
Fadden was arrested and held un-
der \$1000 bail to answer an indict-
ment.

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dinner counter when Hugh McFad-
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and cutting a bad gash in one of
his arms. Several people rushed
in to separate the combatants and
Mr. Chilton got cut in one of his
arms.

The Cove Hill Case.

We printed a notice of the row
at Cove Hill Debating Society
when the disturbers of good order
were beaten off at their own game
and the Cove Hill Debating Society
lives. We have received an an-
onymous letter from one of the ac-
cused, who blames the disturbance
on the debaters, and claims that the
attack was made by Ketchikan.

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Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia,
Pocahontas County, to wit: }
At rules held in the Clerk's office
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Monday, February 7, 1898.

C. R. McDaniel, Executor of Mar-
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W. M. & J. T. McAllister, p. q. —
Defendant.

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tain a decree against the defendant
in favor of plaintiff for \$607.34 with
interest thereon from the 1st day
of July, 1896, and costs, and to at-
tack and subject to the payment
thereof the real estate of the de-
fendant in this county and the
interest of defendant in lands in
Pocahontas County, whereof his
grandmother, Margaret Gatewood
died seised.

And it appearing by affidavit filed
that the defendant is a non-resi-
dent of the State of West Virginia,
it is ordered that he do appear here
within one month after the first
publication of this order and do
what is necessary to protect his
interest in the suit.

Witness, J. H. Patterson, Clerk
of said Court, at the court house
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The Levels News.

Edited by Payne Bros.

Vol. 1 Academy, W. Va., Feb. 11, 1898. No. 4

—Fish, Lemons—at Payne Bros.
—Chairs for \$5 per set at Payne
Bros.

—Ground Hog Day had a little
sun. Now for six weeks of cloud.

—Oliver Childs Plows and re-
pairs at Payne Bros.

—Payne Bros. selling very
cheaply for 4th per gallon.

—Mrs. Nell Kinnison is very sick.
She is attended by Dr. Winters Mc-
Neal.

—Hon. W. A. Bratton spent Sat-
day in Hillsboro on his way back
from Washington.

—Mr. Marshall Pratt is at present
unable to work, being very
much disabled by rheumatism.

—Eggs, the per doz. market, is
cheap. See per doz. Wheat,
per bush. Local, 25 per bu.

—S. J. Fagan got an influenza
and is in bed for the week. The
Marlinton and Lewisburg Tem-
ple from Lewisburg to the Pocahontas
county line.

—Send Payne Bros. order for
Rogers or Knight packages, as they
have a heavy order in the local
market and will be after you later.

—Mrs. Francis Winters, who has
been having her mother, who has
been home in 15 years, last Fri-
day. She was in the hospital for
some time and will be in the
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LOBELIA.

Miss Lucy Hill is still very ill.

Mr. Edgar Reed, of Mill Point,
Grafton, spent 21 years, 10 months
and 7 days. He was a professed
Christian in the pale of the Pres-
byterian church. That which fol-
lowed was written by him a short
time before his death, and found
between the leaves of his bible:

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The Puckish Times.

Marlinton, Friday, Feb. 28, 1896.

Returned at the post-office at Marlinton, W. Va., on second class mail.

Three riders rode on the broad highway.

The devil, a woman, a man—And spurring his steed, laughed the devil gay.

"Come, follow me, ye who can't—Three riders rode, and the spurs were in."

Over the broad highway, And the devil was second in coming.

For the woman led the way—Life.

We have recently had the last but February day in twenty years.

SENATOR ALEXANDER, who said that the Dingell Bill is as much better as its predecessor, the Wilson Bill.

PARADE IS BEING THE WAY TO IN AND OUT. The more loss of the island will not be half the punishment Spain should be made to suffer for her inhumanity.

THE OCEAN STEAMER Vesuvius, bound from Rotterdam to New York, struck a sunken wreck and sank. The crew and passengers, numbering 212, were saved in the nick of time by the St. Louis.

THE United States demands an apology of Spain. For barbarous cruelties inflicted on Cubans? No, but for words taken from the stock of the Democratic Editor and spoken by one man against Mr. McKinley.

WITH Alaska claiming our surplus population on one side, and on the other fighting Spain, will make more room for the rest of us, if we go to war over the patriots who are trying to get the inevitable blessings of liberty which we enjoy, and grumble.

THERE sunny days that bring Thoughts of hostesses, balmy spring.

Add new vigor to the life, Make us stronger in the strife.

For the noble end, our aim, In the battle for good fame.

But within my soul there stands Promptings that the former feels.

Instant brings the message now, "It is time to start the show."

WE Democrats have called President McKinley names a thousand times more than those used by those used by the Spanish Minister, De Lome; but we consider it just as much an outrage as the most consistent Republican in the land. The right to vilify our leaders belongs to the American people, and when the foreigner repeats some of our sick expressions we rise up in our wrath and make him go home.

SINCE the New York Sun referred to the Harrisonian "Spirit of the Valley" as "our esteemed contemporary," the editor thereof has been fast getting too big for his breeches. He feels that in exchange for that bright luminous he can dispense with a lively full of ordinary contemporaries. He therefore begins to discard. He calls the editor of the Puckish Times a "pocket." He, probably, does not know that in these words that is a mortal offense, and is an insult that can only be wiped out by constant effort.

WE therefore throw down our gloves to the "retrograde contemporary of the New York Sun."

WE have endeavored to get some particulars concerning the finding of the dead body of a game warden near Horton in Kentucky County, but have been unable to do so.

The Beverly and Edison papers from the county in which it happened, were consistent with a French soldier of this regiment shot and did not move. These verify the report. They were compelled to give more to elaborate articles on the money question. When the game law was passed, these newspapers with the language of the authorities go on and said that the game warden could not afford a man's time with his property, and these men were to protect the game warden and to make the most advantage of these officials.

THE game law recently had some trouble with game warden and there have been some trouble and a conviction or two for violation of the game law. A correspondent in the Alleghenian says very kindly of these things and was there. It was not a terrible matter of the land law between the game warden and the men who were making him leave.

THE GREENBRIER RAILROAD.

An article in this paper two weeks ago pointing out the fact that the Greenbrier Railroad was apparently missing the best route, has occasioned a good deal of comment. An anonymous writer in the Greenbrier Independent discourages the investigation which we invite, but we do not care to reply to him further than to say we do not contend with a man who fights under cover. We feel quite able to tell even so great a man as Mr. Ingalls, or any other stranger, a great deal that he does not know in regard to the county of Pocahontas. Great man that he is, he does not know who lives on the back road to Elkins.

When the internal improvements of the old State of Virginia were projected into this county there were some grave mistakes made. One mistake was the Greenbrier route, by which the road to Elkins, crossed the mountains at the highest and most out of the way points. When the State road was built from Lewisburg to Marlinton the road was put over Spring Creek Mountain and Drop Mountain when both could have been avoided and the road made no longer. It omitted the personal convenience of some citizens of the Levels to connect Renick's Valley and the Levels, and in spite of the valley of the Greenbrier offering a natural way into the county, the engineer put the road over the top of the mountain to the State. It so outraged an old man, who as a local surveyor was assisting the engineer, that he quit the surveying corps in disgust.

THE GOSHORN TRIAL.

For the past week or so, J. W. Goshorn has been on trial for felony in the criminal court of Kanawha County. It is almost impossible to tell what the merits of the case are. The people of Kanawha have allowed so much looseness in their courts that the old statement "what is called smartness there is known as stupidity elsewhere" is more particularly true of Kanawha than probably any other county in the State. The trial will be completed this week. The case is about as follows.

Goshorn is ex-county clerk, and a man of wealth and position. He has never had the least trouble in changing his politics, and at the last election he suddenly experienced a change of heart and came out as a Republican. He fought the present clerk, E. W. Staunton, hard for the place, but was beaten. He is feeling sore between them. Last fall Goshorn was accused as he was coming out of the office with having in his pocket some vouchers in the shape of cancelled railroad orders. He produced them at once. The State proved by the county clerk and deputies that Goshorn had planned to get these orders and destroy them to get the late sheriff into trouble. Goshorn swears that the deputy gave him the orders to make copies of and that he would have returned them. The best that the prosecution can make out of it is that they conspired with the defendant and did evil that good might come of it.

WHIPPED BY YOUNG LADIES.

The ethics of Charleston permit the temporary suspension of the rule against smut and battery long enough to allow innocent young girls to horseplay a man who abandons them. Charleston has a long suspension bridge over the Kanawha to the Chesapeake & Ohio depot. On this bridge the Misses Ketchum, aged 16 and 18 years, and a young man named Birmingham, and having two stout horsewhips they beat him until he ran, and followed him the whole length of the bridge whipping him every step. The men had a warrant issued for the girls and the men were held before a justice and a jury. The evidence showed that Birmingham was a disreputable fellow. The older Ketchum young lady and that he had told Miss Lida Ketchum that the Ketchum girls were not decent and were good for nothing and that Miss Ketchum was true to her name, and told the Ketchum girls. They took every penny from the young man in the amount above described. At the closing of the testimony the justice instructed the jury to award the young ladies, which was accordingly done. The girls were very temperate and self-controlled. The men did not know it was not to be done, and a woman who there gloried the acts of the respondents.

Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory this term is. For there can be only one best sarsaparilla—any best sarsaparilla, as there is no highest mountain, no longest river, no deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—There's the rub! You can measure mountains by height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do you want to test it? The World's Fair Commission would it, and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla that is not the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The commission found it the best. They had no reason for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received its gold and silver medals in merit. Remember the word "value" is a bubble any bubble can then, but there are no bubbles to pick such bubbles. Those others are blowing mere "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair proving the old sarsaparilla. Yes, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that secures the medal proves it gold. The pin that picks the bubble proves it wind. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

THE YALE PROBLEM.

The problem from the New York Sun is this: A paper recently has caused a good deal of comment. The question is: How much will ten yards of silk cost at \$11—000 per yard? J. A. G. writes from New York to give the solution, as the correctness of the result has been doubted by some of the silk merchants of that town. The silk costs \$10.00.

$$\frac{1}{1001} \div \frac{1}{1000} = 1000$$

1000 plus 1 = 1001 dollars per yard.

1001 x 10 yd = \$10.010.

This simple illustration will prove the quantity of the fraction, i. e.

$$\frac{.001}{1001} \div \frac{1}{1000} \text{ being } 1000$$

times greater, most necessarily be 1000.

Here are some questions for solution: A boy had sixty apples in his basket, which he sold at the rate of five for two cents. The basket being too heavy for him, he divided the apples into lots of thirty each. One lot he sold at the rate of 3 for 2 cents; the other lot, of thirty, at the rate of 2 for 1 cent. Did he gain or lose by the transaction and why?

Two boys, A and B, had apples. A said to B, give me one apple and I will have as many as you. B said to A, give me one of yours and I will have twice as many as you. Solution desired.

MAPLE SUGAR.

The weather lately has been ideal sugar weather. Hard froving weather yielding to bright, clear days makes the sap to flow. Last Monday a large sugar tree was cut down near Marlinton, and the tree "bled" until the ground was soaked. The discovery that sugar could be manufactured from this tree was not made until the eighteenth century. It was a prime necessity in those days when the pioneer raised everything he used on his farm.

The maple and sycamore belong to the same genus, which includes about fifty species the world over. Maples are generally classed by their leaves, having what is called palmately-lobed leaves. The fruit is a two winged "samar." America has two species, the sugar, rock, or birch-maple, (acer saccharinum); and the scarlet maple (acer rubrum). The wood is close grained and takes the place of oak tolerably well. It is unexcelled for fuel and charcoal, and the sap is as rich in alkaline principles. A great deal of potash is manufactured from the sap.

Sugar is made principally from the sugar-maple. The French-Canadians are the other species sometimes, but the yield is not more than one half as great. The trees begin to flow at the first warm weather after the winter frosts. A good deal depends upon the location of the tree. Those trees on southern exposures have an earlier season than those which are more or less sheltered from the effects of the rays of the sun. Trees growing in the moist situations furnish the most sap, but it is not so sweet. A cold north wind with frosty nights and sunny days makes the flow, which is not abundant in the day, sufficiently strong at night when the temperature is below the freezing point. A morning mist sometimes pro-

A PROSE POEM.

CALIBAN has a new paper, The Signal. It breathes forth the pure and unadulterated principles of Democracy. The editor, E. H. Crockett, is the most published of his religion, an earnest member of the Republican Executive Committee of Calhoun County. In his piece he has the following word painting: "With these few broken remarks we launch our hospital ship, fully equipped, out on the beautiful beam of the sun of Journalism. And all are invited to drop in, and somehow possibly she raises the crested waves and how sweetly her banner convicts to the tender knees of the nephews." He will get down to the reality of life by the time he gives a form.

LATEST—Just before going to press we received a line from a prominent man in New York City, which says we can be sure that the Greenbrier Rail Road will be built.

THE novelist Zola is undergoing his trial for criminal libel. He had taken up the Dreyfus case.

DR DANIEL of the Texas Medical Journal, referring to typographical errors, gives an amusing experience in that line. He says he wrote: "Dr. Jno. Bellinger, at 74 years, born July 22, 1822 and died—"

"Imagine his disgust when it appeared in the Journal—Dr. Bellinger at 74 years of age, July 22, 1822, and died."

There is a new style in vogue with not an improvement in a hundred years. A sugar trough is made from the quarter section of a block two feet long, by means of six and an "apple" is made from the elder stock and is put in an sugar hole in the tree. From two to five spiles are allowed to drip in the same trough. The water is carried by means of buckets, or in large "sugar cranes" by a barrel on a one-horse sled, and boiled in iron kettles, getting some color from the smoke. On the approach of warm weather the sap becomes "ropy" and will not granulate. Then it will make syrup. Later on it will not even make molasses, and a product called "sugar beer" is prepared, and the season is over.

The tree recovers from its scars in about a year. The average quantity of sap is from 14 to 24 gallons a season. Some exceptional trees have been known to produce a "barrel" of water a day, and of real sweet sap which gallons will make a pint of molasses or a pound of sugar.

Cattle grow fond of the water sometimes, and have been known to drink enough to kill them. The water is very palatable except it that unfortunate class known as "the billions" who find it ver- sickening.

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